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TO: Interested Persons

FR: Isadore Hall, III – Chair

Assembly Select Committee on Re-Entry

RE: Informational Hearing on “*Understanding the Public Health Implications of Prisoner Reentry in California*” by the RAND Corporation

The RAND Corporation recently released a report examining the public health issues surrounding prisoner reentry in California, the types of health care needs that ex-offenders bring with them, which communities are disproportionately affected, and the health care system capacity of the communities to which ex-offenders return. As part of this examination, they addressed three research questions: (1) What are the health care needs of prisoners upon their release and return to the community? (2) What is the geographic distribution of state prisoners who return to local communities in California? and (3) What types of health care services are available in these communities, and what is their ability to meet the needs of returning prisoners?

The Assembly Select Committee on Re-Entry will hold an informational hearing where the RAND Corporation will present its findings to the Legislature. The hearing will include a presentation of the report from Lois Davis of the RAND Corporation; the integral role of faith based organizations by Reverend Eugene Williams, CEO of the Regional Congregations and Neighborhood Organizations (RCNO) Training Center; and the role of local agencies and resources by local officials; public safety representatives and members of the public.

The hearing will be held on:

Thursday, March 18, 2010
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
(or upon adjournment of Assembly Session)
State Capitol, Room 4202
Sacramento, CA 95814

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